

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the Abstract to eliminate phraseology objected to by the Examiner.

A new Declaration is also being submitted.

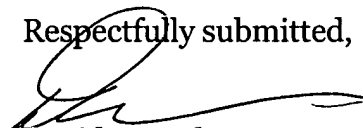
It is believed that this application is now ready for allowance and the same is requested. If, however, there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse action, it is requested that the Examiner contact applicants' representative via phone or facsimile so that such issues can be quickly resolved.

Correspondence and Fees

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response. However, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account no. 03-3839 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

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